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# GIUFFRIDA PARK

Meriden, CT

Giuffrida Park was originally part of an area farmed in the late 1600's and early 1700's by Jonathan Gilbert and later Captain Andrew Belcher. This farm, the first European settlement in this region, became known as the "Meriden Farm" - from which the whole area eventually took its name. Today, the Park contains 598 acres for passive recreation and is adjacent to the Meriden Municipal Golf Course.

Located in the northeast corner of Meriden, the trails connect to the Mattabessett Trail (a Connecticut Blue-Blazed Trail) and are open to the general public. The trails have easy terrain particularly around the Crescent Lake shore with steeper areas along the trap rock

ridges ascent of the Metacommet Ridge and approaching Mt. Lamentation.

Mount Lamentation was named in 1636 when a member of Wethersfield Colony became lost and was found by a search party three days later on this ridge, twelve miles from home. There is some controversy whether the Lamentation refers to his behavior or that of those looking for him. In 1735 a group of local men leased land on the western edge of this mountain in an attempt to find gold, as quartz formations there seemed promising. None was ever found.

Mt. Lamentation and its peak, Chauncey Peak, provide spectacular views of Hartford, Middlessex, and New Haven counties.

Photo from the City of Meriden



## Directions and Parking:

To get to Giuffrida Park, travel along I-91 either north or south. Take Exit 20 and proceed west (left off exit from north or left, then right from the south) onto Country Club Road. The Park entrance is on the right.

Parking areas are readily available at the Park. Trails start at the Crescent Lake parking lot.

## Permitted Activities:

Hiking and biking is permitted. Picnic tables are also available. Crescent Lake is a reserve water supply therefore, swimming, rock climbing, and boating are prohibited. Fishing is also prohibited.

## For more information about this location, contact:

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# GIUFFRIDA PARK

*Meriden, Connecticut*

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

Silver Lake

Empire Ave

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N Broad St

Berlin Tpke

Canyon Dr

Meriden  
Municipal  
Golf Course

Crescent  
Lake

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Westfield Rd

Wild Cross Pkwy

Reynolds Dr

Westfield Road

Bee Street

Nation Dr

MATTABESSETT TRAIL

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Parking



Town Boundary



Wetlands



Metacomet Ridge



Water Bodies



Open Space - All Types

Rivers and Streams

Interstate or Parkway

Local Route

Trails

Streets